

FONCK'S N. Y.-PARIS FLIGHT HALTED

Gas Leak Delays Plane's Take Off At Last Minute

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ROOSEVELT FIELD, L. I., Sept. 16.—The "hop to Paris" by the Cloud Line Trail is cancelled—for twenty-four hours at least.

It was 6 o'clock this morning. About the aviation field were notables from Long Island's "gold coast," come to see the start of the epoch flight.

Around Capt. Rene Fonck, pilot in charge, were a group extending bon voyage and the hope of a "happy landing."

And then from the right outboard motor a trickle of gasoline was discerned. Mechanics traced the leak to a rivet in the gasoline tank.

Officially Postponed

That ended it. The flight was officially postponed for at least one day and maybe two.

Capt. Fonck was bitterly disappointed. He shrugged his shoulders and said:

"And I had hoped to have dinner on the Champs Elysees tomorrow. But I surely will be there before the week is gone."

Capt. Fonck even then was for going on. He told Igor Sikorsky, builder of the giant plane, that the leak could be fixed up in short order. The latter replied that was true, but that a thorough inspection would be made.

Cannot Afford Risks

"We cannot afford to take any chances," he said. "It postpones our flight for a day, maybe two, but I cannot permit the slightest element of risk."

George Honour, motor expert, concurred in the judgment to postpone the trip to make a thorough last inspection.

After the first bitterness over the delay had worn off, Capt. Fonck regained his usual good nature. He even became cheerful.

He approached the GRAPHIC representatives, and, holding up a little gold key, said with a smile:

"That, boys, is the key to the plane. Mr. Sikorsky gave it to me last night. I was to lock the door from the inside when we took off—and unlock it in Paris. I hope to do it yet."

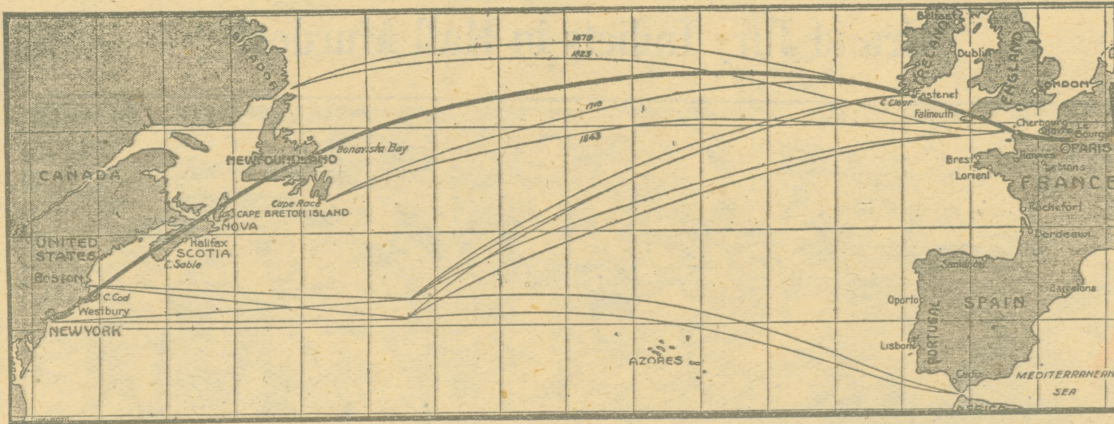
Delay Indefinite

"How long will we be delayed? Who can tell? Perhaps a day, maybe two, maybe a week."

"There is so much that could prevent. We have shaved off every

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Route of Capt. Fonck's New York-to-Paris Flight



Janet Beecher Keeps Son, Hubby Fights to Get Him

By HARRY HELMS

Janet Beecher, noted actress, whose matrimonial difficulties have kept her in the public eye for more than a decade, today entered the legal spotlight once more.

It was learned by The GRAPHIC that she had refused to give to her second husband, Dr. Richard Horace Hoffman, the custody of their son, Richard Wyndham Hoffman.

Referee Robert McCurdy Marsh recently recommended to Supreme Court Justice Lydon that Dr. Hoffman be granted a separation from the actress, and be permitted to have the 5-year-old boy from September 15 until June 15 each year.

Edict Carries Weight

The referee recommended to Justice Lydon that Miss Beecher's counter suit for separation be thrown out and that she have the custody of the lad only during the summer months when not engaged at her profession.

Although Justice Lydon has not yet acted on it, the recommendation is an order from an officer of the court and holds weight.

Dr. Hoffman claims that he surrendered his son to his wife shortly before June 15 of this year, and went to Europe.

He says that although the referee ruled neither parent could take the child outside a radius of 400 miles of New York city, unless it be in New York state, Miss Beecher took him to England.

Won't Surrender Boy

She returned before the time of her chaperonage was up, he asserts, and then on Tuesday last refused to surrender him to his father.

Supreme Court Justice Valente was to hear, late today, an application for a writ of habeas corpus for the boy.

Miss Beecher's first husband was Harry Randolph Guggenheimer. She was divorced in 1919. Shortly afterward she married Dr. Hoffman.

Domestic difficulties in her present marriage came to light last year. Suits for separation were filed by both parties almost simultaneously.

BOY HIKES 300 MILES TO SEE FORD; WASN'T IN

DETROIT, Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—Hiking from Pittsburgh to Covington, Ky., William Cunningham, 14, came to Detroit to "see Henry Ford and shake his hand," but left saying, "I couldn't find any one at the plant who could tell me where to find him."

Actor Hangs Self As Daughter Frolics In Birthday Party

Never again will the footlights glow for Earl Cavanaugh.

His body is in an 8th Avenue undertaking shop awaiting word from the Actors' Fund. He died last night—a suicide.

With his wife, Rose, and 6-year-old daughter, Ruth, he resided at the Hotel Alpine, 8th Avenue and 58th street. For days he has made the rounds of the booking offices vainly seeking engagements.

Last night he returned from his weary quest heartbroken and discouraged.

It was his little girl's birthday. He couldn't buy her a gift.

On the floor below a brother performer gave the little girl a birthday party. Cavanaugh said he wanted to remain in his room to work on an act.

A messenger boy knocked on his door with a telegram from Chicago telling him his mother was dying.

DRYS TO CALL PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—A call for the legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon League to assemble here to frame the dry organization's policies in the coming elections and in the next session of Congress will be issued soon.

Cops Fear Riot in Church As Aimee's Arrest Looms

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—Additional details of police were sent to Angelus Temple today to preserve order in the event of the predicted arrest of Aimee Semple McPherson.

Hundreds of the evangelist's followers held an all night "prayer vigil" at the Tabernacle after Mrs. McPherson's announcement that she expected to be arrested today on charges of perjury.

The crowd around the temple increased hourly, and rioting is feared if the expected warrant for Mrs. McPherson's arrest is issued.



Aimee Semple McPherson

FRENCH OPPOSE PLAN TO MOVE U. S. WAR DEAD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—Deploing the proposal of Senator Caraway, Arkansas Democrat, that American war dead be brought back from France, the French embassy said today the bodies of the American soldiers form a great bond between the two nations.

The Arkansas senator declared American graves have been desecrated and insulting phrases referring to debt settlements were written on many of them, he said.

Aviator Flies to Wife Thought Injured, Finds Her Dead

VINCENNES, IND., Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—Lieut. Wright Vermilya, U. S. army aviator, who made a spectacular flight here from Little Rock, Ark., in response to a telegram that his young wife had been injured in an automobile crash, arrived too late.

Vermilya missed a second telegram advising him that his wife had been killed instead of "injured." He did not know of his wasted speed efforts until he landed here last night.

Nutmeg State's Democrats Vote For Wet Plank

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—A "dripping wet" plank was adopted today in the Connecticut Democratic party convention, which went on record for absolute repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

After touching on the growing centralization of government and its evils and demanding that the Democratic party stand against all usurpation of states' home rule, Augustine Lonergan of Hartford placed the wet plank before the convention. He called prohibition "an indefensible curtailment of personal liberty, illegally incorporated in the Constitution."

Rollin U. Tyler, a judge of Probate Court, was nominated as candidate for senator to oppose Senator Bingham.

Charles Morris of Newtown was nominated for governor.

EX-FOOTBALL STAR HELD FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

DETROIT, MICH., Sept. 16 (By U. P.).—Charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, Milton Ghee, 33, former All-American member of the Dartmouth football team, was released under \$500 bond to appear in court September 22.

Cop Leaps Into Surf, Saves Two Girls From Drowning

Patrolman Thomas Kicklighter, attached to the Coney Island station, today leaped into the surf at Coney Island in full uniform and swam to the rescue of a drowning girl and her girl companion, who was making a futile effort to save her.

Although spent by the exertion of towing the drowning girl, he managed to aid Patrolman John L. Hart of the same station to apply first aid treatment.

The girls, Virginia Riccardi, 24, of 268 95th St., Brooklyn, and Frances Bicertile, 24, of 2767 West 16th St., Coney Island, were swim-

'Cry Baby' Bandit Says Cops' Beating Made Him Confess

Bernard Frankel, 20, of 550 10th Ave., Manhattan, one of the six so-called "cry-baby" bandits on trial on a charge of robbery before County Judge Adel in Long Island City, Queens, testified today that he was "pounded and pumped" almost continuously for five days by detectives immediately following his arrest on July 23 last.

He said that as a result of beatings by detectives, he required the attention of an ambulance surgeon and that his shirt was "full of blood."

Frankel was a nervous witness. He said he had served a term in the reformatory for assault. He said police forced him to confess he took part in the hold-up of the paymaster of the W. F. Kenny Company plant on July 1 last.

He denied taking part in that hold-up, and said the police had offered to arrange to get him a short prison term if he would "squeal."

"I told them anything to make them stop beating me," he said.

Leo Hecker of 1538 38th St., Brooklyn, another of the defendants, said that while the hold-up was being committed, he was in the office of the Parole Board.

Garment Strikers Battle Workers; Eight Injured

Extra police precautions are being used today as a result of the pitched battle between garment workers and striking pickets that stirred a section of Brooklyn to a panic.

Eight were injured when five men and a woman entered the Suydam Cloak Company, at 274 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, and attempted to induce the workers to join the strike.

The whole delegation was thrown bodily from the building, and in the rumpus that followed plate glass windows were broken and eight were injured. Police reserves quelled the riot.

4 Hurt as Truck, Street Car, Crash

Four passengers on a Grove Street trolley, in Hoboken, were injured today in a collision with a heavy motor truck at the triple intersection of Ferry, Newark and Jefferson Streets. All sustained lacerations and bruises, and returned home after treatment by an ambulance surgeon from St. Mary's Hospital.

Those hurt are Joseph Johnson, 611 Grand St., and Irving S. Greenberg, 718 Washington St., Hoboken; Arthur Du Pius, 616 21st St., Union City, and Frank Tivola, 230 Brunswick St., Jersey City.